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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE CONCERNING US CITIZENS

REF : SAIGON 3319

1. MEMORANDA REQUESTING ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING INFORMATION ABOUT US CITIZENS IN THE BAN ME THUOT AREA AND EFFECTING THEIR SAFE RETURN WERE PREPARED FOR THE CHIEFS OF THE RVN, DRV AND "PRG" DELEGATIONS TO THE FPJMT ON MARCH 21. THE RVN AND "PRG" DELEGATIONS ACCEPTED THE MEMO.

"PRG" DELEGATION READ IT BUT MADE NO COMMENT. REFTEL CONTAINS THE COMMENT ON THE SITUATION, IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION, MADE BY THE "PRG" AT ITS MARCH 22 PRESS CONFERENCE.

2. THE DRV READ THE MEMORANDUM, BUT REFUSED TO ACCEPT IT. THE MAIN REASON CITED BY DRV SENIOR CAPTAIN TO, ADRV PRESS OFFICER, IS THAT BAN ME THUOT IS IN A "PRG" LIBERATED ZONE.

3. CAPTAIN TO MADE SEVERAL ADDITIONAL COMMENTS, AS FOLLOWS:

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" I HAVE CHECKED WITH MY CHIEF AND HE AGREES THAT THE DRV HAS NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR US CITIZENS WHO ARE IN BAN ME THUOT. THE UNITED STATES MUST UNDERSTAND THAT THE SITUATION IN BAN ME THUOT IS MUCH MORE COMPLICATED THAN THOSE WHICH AROSE PRIOR TO THE CEASEFIRE. THERE ARE CITIZENS FROM SEVERAL COUNTRIES INVOLVED IN THE BAN ME THUOT SITUATION TO INCLUDE THE UNITED STATES, FRANCE, JAPAN, ITALY, AUSTRALIA, THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND OTHERS. IF THE U.S. CITIZENS ARE IN FACT WHAT THEY CLAIM TO BE, THEN THEY WILL BE TREATED BY THE DRV IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER FOREIGN PERSONNEL. IF, HOWEVER, THEY ARE ATTEMPTING TO HIDE ANYTHING THEN THEY WILL BE DEALT WITH ACCORDINGLY."

4. CAPTAIN TO THEN POINTED OUT THE NAME OF MR. JOHN D. MILLER, SUMNER INSTITUTE OF LINGUISTICS AND INDICATED THAT HE WAS VERY SKEPTICAL AS TO MR. MILLER'S AUTHENTICITY.

5. FINALLY, CAPTAIN TO EXPRESSED HIS VIEW CONCERNING US INFERIORITY TO THE SOVIET UNION. HE STATED THAT THE DRV HAS NO HARD FEELINGS AGAINST THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND SINCE THE DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS HAS INDICATED SUPPORT OF THE DRV POSITION CONCERNING INDOCHINA, HE IS LOOKING FORWARD TO NORMAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE US AND DRV. HE FURTHER STATED THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE MUST ACCEPT THE FACT THAT THE US IS NO LONGER THE WORLD'S GREATEST POWER.

6. THE US CITIZENS LISTED IN THE MEMO ARE THE FOLLOWING:

MR. PAUL A. STRUHARIK, USAID PROVINCE REPRESENTATIVE

MR. JOHN D. MILLER, SUMNER INSTITUTE OF LINGUISTICS

MRS. CAROLYN P. MILLER, WIFE OF ABOVE

MISS LUCILLE A. MILLER, DAUGHTER OF ABOVE

MRS. BETTY J. MITCHELL, CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE

MR. RICHARD L. PHILLIPS, CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE

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MRS. LILLIAN M. PHILLIPS, WIFE OF ABOVE

MR. JAY SCARBOROUGH, CORNELL UNIVERSITY LINGUIST ON FORD FOUNDATION GRANT.

MRS. LINDA SMITH, WIFE OF FEDERAL ELECTRIC EMPLOYEE IN SAIGON.

MICHELL LYNN SMITH, DAUGHTER OF ABOVE.
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